

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1228 - SB 1577**

March 30, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the TennCare program to provide certified nursing assistant services benefit coverage for a TennCare eligible individual who is a quadriplegic with autonomic dysreflexia, is subject to frequent blood testing, is required to use a catheter, has two or more minor dependents and a spouse that works outside of the home, and has a household income of less than \$45,000.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$23,349,000**

Assumptions:

- According to the Bureau of TennCare, approximately six percent, or 86, of the 1,425 quadriplegics enrolled would receive services.
- According to the Bureau of TennCare, the annual expense for private duty nursing is \$324,000. The current maximum benefit is \$52,500 resulting in an increase in expenditures per enrollee of \$271,500. The estimated increase in state expenditures for 86 enrollees to receive private duty nursing is \$23,349,000 (\$271,500 x 86).
- According to the Bureau of TennCare, it is very unlikely for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to approve this coverage and the entire cost will be state funded.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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